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## Office Action Summary

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**Applicant(s)**

BHOGAL ET AL.

**Examiner**

Saeid Ebrahimi-dehKordy

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 January 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Motoyama et al (U.S. patent 6,714,971)

Regarding claim 1,8 and 15 Motoyama et al disclose: A method for limiting the size of print jobs in a computer network comprising: setting a predetermined quota for the number of pages a network user may print within a specified time period (please note column 14 lines 26-34) receiving a print job request from a network user (please note column 14 lines 34-38) determining if the print job exceeds the predetermined print quota (please note column 14 lines 43-54 also note column 24 lines 37-57) preventing the print job from printing if it exceeds the predetermined print quota (please note column 24 lines 58-64) and allowing the print job to print if it does not exceed the predetermined print quota (please note column 14 lines 48-56).

Regarding claim 2,9 and 16 Motoyama et al disclose: The method according to claim 1, further comprising logging the amount of the user's print quota that is used (please note column 14 lines 44-53)

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Regarding claim 3,10 and 17 Motoyama et al disclose: The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of setting a predetermined print quota further comprises setting separate print quotas for different lengths of time (please note column 23 lines 45-56).

Regarding claim 4,11 and 18 Motoyama et al disclose: The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of setting a predetermined print quota further comprises setting a single uniform quota for all network users (column 14 lines 34-58).

Regarding claim 5,12 and 19 Motoyama et al disclose: The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of setting a predetermined print quota further comprises setting individual print quotas for each network user (please note column 24 lines 38-58).

Regarding claim 6,13 and 20 Motoyama et al disclose: The method according to claim 1, wherein a network user may request special permission to exceed the print quota (please note column 14 lines 56-57).

Regarding claim 7,14 and 21 Motoyama et al disclose: The method according to claim 6, wherein the process of granting permission to exceed the print quota is automated (please note column 14 lines 50-55).

### **Contact Information**

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